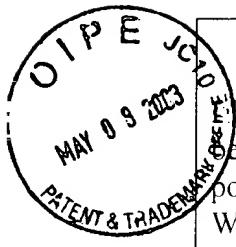


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, having a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 3, 2003, please enter the following amendment and consider the Remarks below.